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ONA Day ('Rendezvous 2000')

The year 2000's ONA Day held on 22nd Oct. at PPS was a landmark event. Henceforth, all ONA Days would be judged by the high standards set by this gathering.

There was a record turnout and many new features were introduced. Family members of great martyrs, **Major R.S. Cheema** (R-8), **Capt. Harpal Singh** and **Capt. M.S. Bhinder** were especially honoured while remembering all ONs who have passed away.

Some of top names in India's corporate cream like **Pawan Kant Munjal** (S-163), Managing Director, Hero Honda (also member of Board of Governors, PPS) and **Rajiv Bakshi** (Beas), CEO and MD, Cadbury India, graced the occasion. **Rajiv** also delivered the keynote address on 'Qualities Required for Success'. Many ONs, ex-teachers and staff (Khiljee etc.) were honoured. **Mr. Manjit Inder Singh Bedi** (J-82) as Headmaster of PPS, aptly, personified the tremendous achievements of ONs.

The Headmaster's Lunch in the Senior School Dining Hall brought back nostalgic memories. The Mess counters with their shining ceramic tiles spoke of the efforts put in by another ON, **Lt. Col. Tejinder Singh Dhindsa** (B-167) as Bursar, in doing his bit for the school.

Apart from the usual football match and evening tea in the new Junior School Dining Hall, the highlight of the Day was the Evening gathering at the ONA Complex. Here ONs and their families along with a high spirited Dinner were feted with a **Slide Show of PPS history, top class D.J. & Music and a fireworks** display reminding one of Olympics Ceremonies.

A successful event of this magnitude is always the result of untiring efforts of a very large team (some seen and some unseen).

We would be failing in our act of collective ONA gratitude if we do not mention the efforts of the entire PPS administration led by **Mr. M.S. Bedi** (J-82) and **Lt. Col. T.S. Dhindsa** (B-167), the efforts of the official ONA team comprising of **Naveen Talwar** (S-

71), President, **Dr. Jashanjot Singh Bhangu** (S-52), General Secretary and **Sqn. Ldr. Kedar Bansal** (J-4), Treasurer.

Col. Sant Parkash Singh (R-84) who was Chairman of the Organizing Committee put in stupendous efforts. **Col. Tej Inder Singh** (S-70) and his team were behind the PPS Slide show. Over 100 hours and two trips to PPS went into preparing this show. The Jalandhar team was ably supported by **Dr. Kulwinder Sangha** (B-371), **Capt. Inderjit Singh Dhami** (R-257) (Secretary, Organizing Committee) and **Lt. Col. Hardev Bajwa** (S-25). They were responsible for publicity, newspaper advertisements, communications, mementos, coat lapel badges, printing work and overall administrative workup. Nabha team comprised **Rajesh Jindal** (R-486) (reception), **Sandeep Bansal** (R-572) (Accommodation) and **Anil Bansal** (J-233) (Venue) and many others. **Gita Sharma** (R-529) conducted the auditorium proceedings with poise and grace. **Dr Paramvir Singh** (R-325) was great help in emergency troubleshooting. Each one of them left no stone unturned. The Ludhiana ONs **Ravinder S. Chopra** (R-33), **Lt. Col. Bhupinder Singh Grewal** (S-50) and Gurpreet **Randhawa** (J-98) sponsored the Memento kit (addresses floppy, blazer badge and ONA diary), distributed, free of cost, to ONs. **Mr. & Mrs. K.C. Tandon** were always forthcoming with their efforts both at the planning and execution levels.

The ‘**Rendezvous 2000**’, the best ever ONA Day so far also incurred enormous costs, which could not have been met with the registration fee only. It became possible with financial contributions by **Umesh Munjal** (S-166), **Suman Munjal** (S-165), **Dr. Preetam Singh** (J-242), **Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar**, **Dr. G.S. Dhami** (R-78), **Dr. Jashanjot Singh Bhangu** (S-52), **Sqn.Ldr. Kedar Nath Bansal** (J-4), **K.J.S. Sujlana**(B-125), **Rajeev Bakshi** (Beas) and last but not the least sponsoring of drinks by **The School Authorities**.

Millennium Message

It gives me immense pleasure to know that at the advent of the New Millennium, ‘The Eagle’ has exhibited its infinite potential to conquer new heights and horizons in time and space in the days to come.

It’s my earnest hope that the magazine will, in its pursuit of excellence not only take stock of “Who’s Who” on the old boys list but also take a fresh initiative in making it a chronicle of old times by furnishing more articles, reminiscing of the days gone by.

I’m sure that ‘The Eagle’ shall further contribute in strengthening of the bonds of affection and commitment among our old students for their ‘Alma Mater’. I wish ‘The Eagle’ all the success in this noble endeavour.

M.S. Bedi (Headmaster, PPS)
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President’s Message

Dear Old Nabhaites,

Yet another golden opportunity to meet fellow ONs and members of the Board of Governors, on 18th February 2001, at Lunch at Nabha (Details Inside).

With the advent of New Technology in communications, ONA may bring out 'The Eagle' only on the Internet. This would be more economical and can be updated more often. I, also, invite ONs to visit www.ppsnabha.com for a glimpse of ONA activities.

I am thankful to all those ONs who have collectively sponsored this issue of 'The Eagle' and to Mr. & Mrs. Tandon for their all round help to ONA.

Naveen Talwar (S-71), President, ONA

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of **Jasbir Singh Gill** (J-43), Comdt (CRPF) on 28-10-2K. Tel.: 0181-464356. **Jasbir** is survived by his wife and son Manpreet Singh Gill.

GUJARAT CALAMITY

ONA is deeply concerned with the well being of all ONs who may have been affected by the recent earth quake in Gujarat. Any affected ON or having news of affected ONs is requested to contact **Col. Sant Parkash Singh** (Address: 1, Fauji Road, Jalandhar Cantt. Tel: 0181-806242 (O), 806243 (R) Army Exchange 262601

SpONSors

'The Eagle' is grateful to **Dr. Rajan Soni** (S-69), **Anil Thapar** (R-148), **Shailendra Sharma** (R-119, "Shelly") and **Vinod Kashyap** (J-65) for sponsoring this issue of 'The Eagle'.

Matters Organizational (ONA)

The last year has seen the formation of Constitution of ONA and its formal registration under the Society's Act 1860.

Under this Constitution a provision has been made for ONA Chapters at all districts of Punjab, states of Himachal, J&K, Haryana, Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh. The Old Nabhaites residing in these areas who are **Life Members** of ONA will form the respective Chapters. Each Chapter will elect (**only members** can vote) one or two representatives (depending on the strength of the Chapter). These representatives will

form the Executive Committee of ONA. This will be the main decision making body of the ONA apart from being responsible for electing officer bearers from among its members.

It is clear from above that Chapters will form the pillars of the ONA. It is requested that those who are not Life Members of ONA should become so at the earliest (the concessional rate of Rs.1000/- is still applicable). They may contact the following Chapter leaders in their respective areas:

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3. **Jalandhar – Col. SP Singh** (R-84) (Ph. Off.-806242, Res.-806243), **Dr. KS Sangha** (B-371) (Ph. Off.-0181-254685, Res.-254689/225824)
4. **Amritsar – Dr. Pritam Singh** (J-242) (Ph.210738), **Dr. I.S. Nijjar** (Ph. 0183-221433 / 226859)
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6. **Ludhiana – Navin Talwar** (S-71) (Ph. Off.-0161-428433, Res.-413634), **Col BS Grewal** (S-50) (Ph. Res.-0161-400732/405918), **Dr. Lakhwinder Singh** (S-671) (Ph. Off.-455915)
7. **Bhatinda – Gurmeet Singh Sidhu** (R-827) (Ph. Off.-444188, Res.-210735)
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9. **Haryana – Lt. Col. Hardeep Dutta** (J-64) (Ph. Off.-0184-261484, Res.-265901), **Dr. Ved Prakash Beniwal** (R-60) Beniwal Nursing Home, Begu Road, Sirsa.
10. **Muktsar – Maninder Singh Sidhu** (J-489) (Ph. Res.-61114), **Dr. Sudhir Raj** (J-431)
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13. **Calcutta – Mandeep Grewal** (R-73) 107-J, Block F, New Alipur, Calcutta. **Ravinder S.Chatha** (J-271), 4-A, Auckland Square, Jassal House, Calcutta – 700014. Tel.: 257613 / 258195. Email: chatha@vsnl.com.
14. **Mumbai – Cdr. Mitinder S. Sethi** (Retd.) (J-76). B-54, Narendra Apptt. Gazdar Bandh, Off 19th Road, Khar West, Mumbai – 400052. Ph. (O) 6300385 / 6300315, (R) 6487708. Mobile: 09820097395, Email: mit.sethi@usa.net. **Sarish Kathavate** (S-159) C-32, Parijat, Bandra Reclamation, Mumbai – 400050. Ph. 6425506.

You can also send your Life Membership by DD Rs.1000/- or cheque Rs.1020/- payable to ONA at Nabha to **Sqn.Ldr. Kedar Nath Bansal** (J-4), Treasurer, ONA (Nai Abadi, Cinema Road, Nabha (Pb)).

All Old Nabhaites and especially those mentioned above have a duty to inform the undersigned or the Editor of 'The Eagle' of any activity conducted by their respective Chapters so that can be published in 'The Eagle'.

We are calling for volunteers in districts of Sangrur, Mansa, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ropar, Hoshiarpur, Moga, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur and Himachal Pradesh who are willing to work for ONA and float new Chapters in their areas. The ONA will provide all necessary help especially addresses of Old Nabhaites in each area. The volunteers are requested to contact the undersigned.

We must remember that the strength and survival of ONA depends on how well we are organized and structured which in turn depends on ALL OF YOU (or US).

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While We were Boys in School

Requiem for 'The Great Banyan Tree'

Of the many memories of my PPS days, one (and rather unusual) is that of the Great Banyan Tree and my random thoughts linked with it.

I first saw this majestic Banyan Tree in 1967 when in the Break between our two entrance examination paper, we trooped up to it for a cup of tea under its shade, which practically covered the entire ground between the M.I. Room and the Senior School Dining Hall. (It was, also, during this Tea-Break that we came into contact for the first time with the rather Trade Mark round-shaped PPS Bakery biscuits, which we were to partake off and on for the next seven years).

In 1968, when we were in the Junior School, one night, this majestic tree got uprooted in a violent storm. We, Junior School boys caught a glimpse of its remains when we went to the Senior School for the Movies. Boys would claim, "Dara Singh can surely lift the Tree Trunk". "Aarey Ja!, That is Impossible".

Time went by. The Tea Counters got shifted to a new place in front of the Dining Hall Mess. We passed out of PPS.

Later, many years after leaving school, my thoughts would meander to the Great Banyan Tree. We realized that this mighty tree had been the mute witness to a long history,

which probably started with a massive and formidable forest (called “BIR”), which once surrounded the Tree. The Bir had a plentiful Wild Life.

But the great Bir of Nabha was gradually but systematically hacked and reduced. Over a period of time, there was the Canal construction, then the railway line, later, construction of Royal Palace, Guest House, Secretariats and finally, Play Grounds for our School.

The great forest had to go for us to make progress. Its sacrifice was the price we had to pay. YES! the Great Banyan Tree had seen it all happen and in the end it, also, went away.

Ashwani Kumar Aggarwal (J-188), Editor

The Guptas of PPS

At the inception of the PPS in Mar 60, there were only four classes namely 8th, 7th, 6th and 5th. The whole school was located in the main buildings (now, Kairon Block). For majority of students it was their maiden entry into a boarding school. For the first term from March 60 to May 60, there were almost no studies as the school was still going through its teething problems. The boys were left like Mustangs of the Wild West to perceive and fathom their new surroundings. Being in the age group from 10 to 14 years, majority of the boys were homesick and gradually found consolation in one another’s company. Many two brothers joined the school i.e. **Brig. O.P. Nandrajog** (B-1) and **Gp. Capt. V.P. Nandrajog** (B-27), **Brig. Jodhbir Sandhu** (R-7) and **Charanjit Sandhu** (R-24), **Sukhjit Dullet** and **Gurjit Dullet** (Beas House) etc. It may seem paradoxical that progeny of the Gupta clan (natural brothers) were in all the four classes. Starting with **Surinder Gupta** (J-1), 8th class and ending with **Narinder Gupta** (J-25) class 5th with **Rajinder** and **Virender** thrown in for better effect in class 7th and 6th.

They were a happy and spirited lot and envy of the loners who perpetually felt home sick. The **Guptas** looked alike as if they had been cloned in descending order and certainly many would have mistaken one for the other especially the elder ones.

Their father was in the U.S.A. and had put them in the PPS awaiting completion of their education and immigration formalities. They left for greener pastures (Chicago) after a few years and I still remember with nostalgia the whole class missing **Narinder** who was my number sake (S-25).

The ONA fraternity can look up with pride that two senior Guptas, **Surinder** (J-1) and **Rajinder** (J-7) travelled all the way from the U.S.A. to attend the ONA Day (22-10-2k). I am sure there must have been many happy memories of the days gone by which drew them to their roots.

This is what PPS is all about. The hangover lingers on; long after the PPS spirit has been imbibed.

Lt. Col. H.S. Bajwa (S-25), Co-Editor

Mr. Kate wins Padam Shri

Our founder Headmaster's pivotal role in the establishment of this grand institution of PPS was aptly recognized by the Government of India when in the early 1970s, he was conferred the honour of Padma Shri, on the eve of the Republic Day.

The news of the prestigious honour was announced officially to PPS students at the time of Assembly, which was being conducted by the Headmaster.

After a thunderous applause, PPS students not to let an opportunity go waste, collectively shouted HOLIDAY! HOLIDAY!!

For the first time, we saw the authoritative **Mr. Kate** wilt with child-like embarrassment and probably gesticulated his inability to take a decision. Well, it was left to **Mr. Y.P. Johri** (our Senior Master) to announce "YES!"

Ashwani Kumar Aggarwal (J-188), Editor

'The Eagle' & ONA wishes all Old Nabhaites a Very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

THANKS

The ONA wishes to thank ON **Rajiv Bakshi** (CEO & MD Cadbury India) for his offer to provide PPS with Computers and to ON **Darshan Singh Dhaliwal** (S-9) for gifting a sum of Rs. 5 Lakhs to the School. Last year **Pawan Munjal** (S-163), member Board of Governors, had set the trend for ONs by a big contribution towards the School Bus.

INVITATION

A luncheon meeting of ONA members with Chairman of Executive Committee and the members of board of Governors of PPS is being held as follows:

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| Date | 18 th February 2001 | |
| Venue | ONA Complex, PPS Grounds | |
| Fellowship | 11.00am | |
| Lunch | 1.00pm | |
| Contributory Charges | Single | Rs.400/- |
| | Couple | Rs.600/- |
| Mode of Payment | Local Cheque (no outstation cheques) or Demand Draft | |

Favouring ONA, NABHA payable at Nabha.

Children Not allowed.

For the arrangements to be proper kindly send your payment in advance by 15th February latest to: *Treasurer, Sqn.Ldr. K.N. Bansal (J-4), Nai Abadi, Cinema Road, NABHA(Pb)*. Charges after this date will be Rs.100/- extra (spot charges).

It must be appreciated that a sizeable contribution towards this lunch is being made by **Suman Kant Munjal (S-165)**. We are indeed grateful to him.

Please come in as many numbers as possible.

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Maj. Parminder S. Bedi, HQ11 Corp. was injured in a car accident sustaining knee injuries. He is recovering well. Add.: 7, Bhagat Road, Jalandhar Cantt.

The ON fraternity shares the grief of ON **Sarabjit Singh Pannu** (S-311) who lost his father in September 2000.

Personal File

Kanwar Sandhu (J-106) PPS (64-70), M.A. English Literature, Bachelor of Journalism, presently Editor, 'The Hindustan Times', Chandigarh. Address: H.No. 256, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh, Permanent: VPO Chak 32 B:B, Distt. Sriganagar (Raj.). Tel: (O) 0172-254546, (R) 0172-663616. Fax: 0172-254209. Mobile: 98140-35256. Email: kanwarsandhu@hindustantimes.com. Married Bittu on 4 Nov. 1979. Has sons Karan (19) doing MBBS and Tanveer studying in class V.

Cdr. (Surg.) Preetinder Singh Lamba (Beas) (1962-66). MBBS, MD, DM (Endocrinology). Topper of 1966 ISC batch. Holds school record of 6 Points. Add.: L-

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Lt.Col. (Retd.) Bhupinder Singh Grewal (S-50) PPS (61-67) N.D.A. Bengal Sappers BE (Mech.) dug wells for the nuclear tests 1974. Presently running Cold Store at Ludhiana. Address: 116/4 The Mall, Ludhiana. Tel (R) 0161-400732. Mobile: 98140-57458. Married Gurinder on 21 Oct. 78. Has daughters Deepti (22) Beautician and Natasha (20) doing B.Com. (Hons.).

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Jora Singh Bhullar (J-16) PPS (60-63) Graduate, Ex Sarpanch, Village Chappar Chiri (battle field of battle of Sirhind between Banda Bahadur and Wajir Khan, governor of Sirhind in 1712, General Secretary SAD (Badal), Distt. Ropar. Address: Village Chappar Chiri, PO Landran, Distt. Ropar – 140307. Tel: 01888-50580. Married Manmohan Kaur on 21st Feb 1971. Has three daughters Davinder Kaur (28) a housewife, Gurjeet Kaur (22) studying MA Part I and Sukhjeet Kaur studying in 10+1.

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Iqbal Singh (S-487) PPS (77-82) Post and Tele Communication of Canada. Address: (Present) VPO Saroa, Teh. Balachour, Nawan Shahar – 144524. (Permanent) 4505, Idlewilde Crescent, Mississauga Ontario, Canada. Tel (905) 607-0840 (Canada). Married Poonam in 1995. Has daughter Jasmine (3) and son Jivtesh (6m).

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Gurpratap Singh (B-387) PPS (73-81) B.Engg. Address: VPO Khadala, Jalandhar-144003. Tel (O) 272389, (R) 272571. Mobile: 98141-10015. Married Navjit Kaur on 2 Jan 94. Has son Parmpratap (5) and daughter Sukhmain (3).

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Vipin Gupta (R-169) PPS (67-73). B.Architect. Address: 1705, Sec-29, Brahamputra Apartments, Noida (UP). Married Anita, a banker on 21 Oct 85. Has son Tushaar (14) and daughter Stuti (13). Tel (O) 6965050, (R) 4450920 (Noida).

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Lt.Col. Kulwant S. Gill (B-25) PPS (60-67). Commissioned in Rajputana Rifles in 1972. Address: (Permanent) Village Jagatpura, PO Bakshiwala, Teh. & Distt. Patiala – 147001. Married Sukhvinder on 28 Mar 78. Has sons Jasjot (17) Ex-PPS and Shaanjot (8).

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Lt.Col. P.S. Shaheed (B-270) PPS (70-76). Address: Shaheed Farm, Gudha, PO Indri, Distt. Karnal. Tel (R) 0184-82274. Mobile: 98120-78792. Married Rupinder on 6 Feb 87. Has daughter Manhar (12) and son Dilawar (10), both studying a Lawrence School, Sanawar.

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Jagjit Singh Gill (R-447) PPS (76-82). BA. Agriculturist. Address: VPO Rania, Teh. Nihal Singh Wala, Distt. Moga. Tel (R) 01636-50364. Mobile: 98141-70346. Married Swaranjeet on 28 Nov 93. Has son Gurjpal (6) and daughter Gurnoor (3).

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Gurinderdeep Singh (J-348) PPS (73-80) Graduate. Agriculturist. Address: (Present) 8015, Pinot Noirway, Sacramento California (USA). (Permanent) Kalyan House, Mehr Gate, Nabha. Tel (India) 01765-22114, 01765-26231, (USA) 916-688-9361. Email: goach@hotmail.com. Married Shavinder on 22 Jan 84. Has daughter Gursimran (15) and son Gurkaran (12).

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Jagjit S. Sandhu (R-771) PPS (83-89). BA. Transporter. Address: H.No. 3044, Power House Road, Bhatinda. Tel (R) 212660. Mobile: 98140-97047. Married on 8 Oct 95. Has daughter Gursimran (3) and son Jagjot (4m).

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Dr. Balvinder Singh Sangha (B-429) PPS (1975). Ph.D. (Economics), Partner Ernst & Young LLP based in Washington D.C. Add.: 11100, Karman Drive, Potomac, MD, 20854. Email: balvinder.sangha@ey.com. Married Gurpreet Kaur Gill Sangha. Has son Jagdeep (2) and daughter Brijit (4m).

SAGA OF VALOUR

Capt. Harpal Singh

Capt. Harpal Singh was born in the village, Macrona, near Chamkaur Sahib in Ropar district. Chamkaur Sahib is renowned for the valour and supreme sacrifices of Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singhji, whose glorious role model **Capt. Harpal** was destined to emulate for the defence of his Motherland.

Of a very friendly nature, **Harpal** was very popular in PPS, where he was affectionately called “Palli”. An outstanding sportsman throughout, **Harpal** crowned his PPS years (1965-1972) by becoming the School Headboy.

Harpal was commissioned in the Army in 1976. He joined the elite 1st Para Regt. (Commando). He was married in Jan.1984.

In 1988, in IPKF operations in Srilanka, **Harpal** was, initially, given the extremely important charge of security of India’s High Commissioner, Sh. J.N. Dixit.

On the fateful day of 23 June 1988, **Harpal** was on board a MI-8 helicopter on a mission against LTTE strongholds in the jungles. As the helicopter was about 15 metres above the ground, **Harpal**, very bravely, volunteered to be the first to move out of the helicopter. Just then, LTTE snipers fired at him from behind the trees. **Harpal** returned the fire but was fatally wounded. This exchange of fire gave other Indian soldiers an opportunity to take appropriate action. **Harpal** gained martyrdom but others were saved.

Maj. Amardeep Singh Dhillon

‘The Eagle’ is proud of **Maj. Amardeep Singh Dhillon**’s (J-381) PPS (74-82) bravery and the ONA wishes and prays for his speedy recovery.

After doing Staff College Course (97-98) **Maj. Amardeep** was posted as GSO 2(Ops), HQ 57 Mtn. Div. On 22-01-2K, while fighting militants he sustained numerous gunshot wounds i.e. a burst in left leg, another in stomach and another in the shoulder.

Since 30-01-2K, **Maj. Amardeep** is in Research and Referral Hosp., New Delhi. He still has to undergo a few more operations and around Oct. 2000 is likely to be shifted to Offrs’ Surg. Ward, Base Hosp., Delhi Cantt.

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Eagle’s Pride

Dr. Satish Jain (R-107) for being awarded ‘**Young Scientist Millennium Award – 2000 for Biological Sciences**’ by the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).

Brig. Tej Kumar Sapru (S-42) has been awarded the ‘Yudh Sena Medal’ on the eve of the Republic Day, 2001.

Rajiv Bakshi (Beas) CEO, Cadbury’s India is moving to Cadbury’s International as Head of South African operations.

Brig. Harbux S. Gill, SC (S-99), **Brig. Vinay Sharma** (S-129) and **Brig. R.S. Sujlana** (B-134) on their picking up the rank of Brigadier.

Mrs. R.K. Sekhon (S-511), Head of Biology Deptt., PPS for representing PPS in the prestigious seminar on “Environment Initiatives” organized by the Research, Development and Consultancy Division of ICSE held at Delhi from 26th to 27th July 2000. Other participants included renowned experts from WWF (Worldwide Fund for Nature), TERI (Tata Energy Research Institute) etc.

Lt. Col. Manjit Mehta SM (J-194) for taking over as C.O. 8 JAK RIF from **Col. HPS Bedi** (R-58)

Maj. S.K. Garg (J-342) on being awarded Army Cdr's Commendation Card.

Maninder Singh Sidhu (J-489) who has been selected in the Punjab Judiciary Services.

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Arvinder Singh Sidhu (J-447)

Maj. P.S. Minhas (J-360)

Governor's Dinner: PCA Mohali: 25 Nov 2000

Governor's dinner was organized by President, ONA, **Navin Talwar** (S-71) and **Lt. Col. (Retd.) Bhupinder S. Grewal** (S-50) at the Club House of the Punjab Cricket Association Stadium, Mohali on 25 Nov. 2000. Though the dress code was formal but the atmosphere was extremely informal and cordial. His Excellency Lt. Gen. (Retd.) J.F.R. Jacob, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Chief Administrator, Chandigarh and Chairman, Board of Governors of PPS had a free and frank tête-à-tête with all those present.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Old Teachers like **Mr. Y.P. Bhardwaj, Mr. & Mrs. K.C. Tandon, Mr. O.P. Sharma, Mr. Dhar** and **Mr. Saxena, Mr. M.S. Bedi** (J-82), Headmaster, **Lt.Col. (Retd.) T.S. Dhindsa** (B-167), Bursar, **Mr. Iqbal Kooner** (R-18) and other PPS teachers were conspicuous by their presence having come all the way from Nabha. An important guest was **Gp. Capt. AJS Grewal**, Ex-Headmaster of PPS. It was gratifying to see the younger Nabhaites, presence on the occasion led by **Amandeep Klair** (R-708), **Dr. Rashpinder S. Pandher** (B-660) and **Mehardeep S. Dullat** (R-743). **Pawan Kant Munjal** (S-163) and **Suman Kant Munjal** (S-165) along with their spouses added grace to the occasion, despite their hectic schedules.

It is to the credit of the organizers that everything was tickety-boo. The food was sumptuous and the wine was fine. One expects such occasion at regular intervals in the near future.

Lt.Col. H.S. Bajwa (S-25), Co-Editor

Reaching out

Maj. A.K. Singh (S-582), (Head Boy 84-85). Add.: G-1/23, Bhimashankar C.H.S., Sector 19-A, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. Tel.: 7706826. Email: aksingh@bom8.vsnl.net has written that he is collecting data of ONs in Mumbai with the aim of forming a club. He has requested all ONs in and around Mumbai to contact him.

William Lucas (PPS teacher 1983-84) from New Zealand sent an email (address mamizou@clear.net.nz) stating that he fondly remembers PPS and wishes to visit it soon. Anybody visiting NZ is requested to contact him.

Harbhajan Grewal in Canada working for a US based ISP as a technical support, wishes to contact his friends. Add.: 157, MILADY RD, NORTH YORK, TORONTO M9L2J1, Canada. Email: hs_grewal@khalsa.com.

Mukesh Garg (J-482) 1983 ICSC Batch, wishes to start SAMANA Chapter. All ONs in and around Samana may get in touch with him. Further, **Mukesh** wants addresses of his batchmates (1983) especially J-556, **Sanjay Goel** (J-496), **Ravinder Mahindra** and **Neeraj Munjal**. Address of **Mukesh** is Mangla Machinery Store, Police Post Road, Samana (Patiala) 147101, Tel.: (O) 01764-22402, (R) 21026, 23276. Email: garg_mukeshin@yahoo.com.

Appeal

Just as an army cannot march on an empty stomach, similarly a good organization cannot be run without adequate funds and their proper management.

A very conservative estimate of running the ONA has worked out a cost of Rs.40,000/- per year (this despite the fact that the Office Bearers and Executive Members are personally bearing costs of travel, meetings and phone calls etc.). The cost of publishing and posting of 'The Eagle' works out to be Rs.70,000/- for four issues per year (one issue at today's prices costs us Rs.17,500/- plus). In the past, we have been distributing 'The Eagle' free of cost to all Old Nabhaites with the courtesy of some considerate and generous Old Nabhaites who voluntarily donated to this cause.

Thanks to **Jimmy Singh (Satvinder Singh Saini)** (J-452), who has sponsored the website www.ppsnabha.com, ONA is not paying for its expenses.

It has been decided by the Executive that the Life Membership collected from the members will not be used to meet the expenses of ONA. Only the interest accrued from this corpus (of Life Membership fee) will be utilized for running expenses of ONA.

The interest from the amount of funds available today to the ONA may not be sufficient to meet the cost of running ONA itself leave alone publishing 'The Eagle'.

On behalf of the ONA team I appeal to all Old Nabhaites to take following actions and help this organization become strong and viable:

1. If you are not a Life Member, please become so. The concessional rate of Rs.1,000/- for Life Membership is still valid till the next Executive meeting. Please remit a DD for Rs.1,000/- or a Cheque for Rs.1,025/- favouring "Old Nabhaites Association" payable at Nabha, despatched to the undersigned.
2. If you are a privileged Old Nabhaite or are motivated enough for the cause of ONA, please do not hesitate to donate some money over and above Life Membership. All donations are welcome and will be duly acknowledged.
3. 'The Eagle' is lifeline of ONA. It is the sole medium of communication between all Old Nabhaites. We will appreciate if you donate towards strengthening of this pillar of ONA. Send your donations payable to 'ONA A/c 'The Eagle'' at Nabha.

The alternative in case of failure to raise resources will be to cut costs, which may be detrimental to the cause of ONA. We hope we do not have to resort to this action as ONA is already being run very conservatively.

I hope this appeal on behalf of ONA team will touch your hearts and wallets. So please take the needful action.

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